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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - FRETILIN PRESS STATEMENT

1. FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE HORTA HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS  
STATEMENT IN NEW YORK:

QUOTE REPUBLICA DEMOCRATICA DE TIMOR LESTE

PRESS STATEMENT NEW YORK CITY, MARCH 15, 1976

NATIONALIST FORCES LAUNCH MAJOR GUERRILLA OFFENSIVE AGAINST  
INDONESIAN MILITARY CAMPS. U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED.

STATEMENT BY JOSE RAMOS-HORTA, MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF  
FRETILIN AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND INFORMATION

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OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR. MR RAMOS-HORTA IS

CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK TO PRESENT EAST TIMOR'S CASE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

REPORTS FROM EAST TIMOR STATE THAT UNEXPECTED FRETILIN MAJOR OFFENSIVE WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST INDONESIAN ARMY-CONTROLLED AREAS. FOLLOWING AN UPRISING BY THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN DILI ON THE 13TH OF MARCH, FORCES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR WENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-INDONESIAN REBELLION, CAUSING HEAVY CASUALTIES AMONG THE JAVANESE TROOPS. SINCE MARCH 13TH, NATIONALIST FORCES HAVE CONTINUOUSLY LAUNCHED RAIDS AGAINST INDONESIAN MILITARY CAMPS IN DILI, BACAU AND AILEU.

AN ATTEMPT BY JAVANESE FORCES TO ATTACK FRETILIN MAJOR STRONGHOLD, AINARO, WAS REPULSED AND OVER 200 JAVANESE TROOPS WERE KILLED. A MILITARY CONVOY OF 15 VEHICLES AND 3 TANKS WERE IMMOBILISED BETWEEN MAUBISSE AND AINARO, MORE PRECISELY IN THE ATRATEGIC POINT KNOWN AS FLESHA.

A SECOND ATTEMPT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE 14TH WAS AGAIN REPULSED AT THE COST OF 80 DEATHS FOR THE JAVANESE.

OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS THE FOLLOWING MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN CAPTURED: 600 U.S.-MADE SUBMACHINE GUNS; 100 U.S.-MADE HEAVY MACHINE GUNS; AND THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

REPORTS FROM JAKARTA AND SINGAPORE CONFIRM THAT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1975 INDONESIAN FORCES HAVE LOST OVER 20,000 CASUALTIES KILLED OR WOUNDED. THE MILITARY HOSPITALS IN JAKARTA, BANDUNG, AND BALI ARE CROWDED WITH WOUNDED JAVANESE TROOPS FROM THE BATTLEFIELD IN EAST TIMOR.

FRETILIN FORCES MANAGED TO SET UP A POWERFUL RADIO TRANSMITTER WHICH REACHED THE WHOLE ISLAND OF TIMOR. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE DECEMBER 7, PRESIDENT XAVIER DO AMARAL DELIVERED A SPEECH THROUGH THE RADIO CALLING ON THE NATIONALIST FORCES THROUGHOUT EAST TIMOR TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE INDONESIAN INVASION HAS FAILED AND THE VICTORY WILL BE SOON, AS NOW THE NATIONALIST FORCES HAVE A GREAT NUMBER OF MODERN WEAPONS.

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